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SUBJECT: BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE

1. INTRO AND SUMMARY. ON MAY 18, BAVARIAN MINISTER-PRESIDENT GOPPEL ANNOUNCED RESHUFFLE OF HIS CABINET NECESSITATED BY RESIGNATIONS OF MIN FINANCE HUBER AND MIN INTERIOR MERK, BOTH OF WHOM ARE ASSUMING IMPORTANT BANK POSITIONS IN BAVARIA. RESHUFFLE HAS BEEN IN OFFING FOR SOME TIME AND SIGNALS NO REPEAT NO CHANGE IN CSU-DOMINATED BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT'S COURSE. END SUMMARY.

2. MAX STREIBL, INCUMBENT MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, WILL REPLACE HUBER AS MIN FINANCE. STREIBL IS CHAIRMAN OF CSU'S UPPER BAVARIA DISTRICT, CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF STRAUSS AND ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT POWER BROKERS IN CSU. DR. ALFRED SEIDL, STATE SECRETARY IN MIN JUSTICE, WILL SUCCEED MERK AS MIN INTERIOR.
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SEIDL, A SPECIALIST IN INTERNAL SECURITY MATTERS, IS ALSO REGARDED AS STRAUSS FOLLOWER.

3. STATE SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ALFRED DICK WILL MOVE INTO MINISTERIAL SLOT VACATED BY STREIBL. DICK IS WIDELY REGARDED AS EXPERT IN ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS. DR. MAX FISCHER, MDL,

WILL SUCCEED DICK AS STATE SECRETARY. FRANZ NEUBAUER, MDL,
WILL TAKE OVER AS STATE SECRETARY IN MIN INTERIOR.

4. DR. KARL HILLERMEIER, THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, HAS
BEEN DESIGNATED AS DEPUTY MINISTER-PRESIDENT, A TITLE
PREVIOUSLY HELD BY OUTGOING MIN FINANCE HUBER.

5. NEWSPAPERMEN USED OCCASION OF GOPPEL'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF
CABINET CHANGES TO ASK HIM ABOUT HIS OWN FUTURE PLANS.
HE RESPONDED WITH KIND OF DELPHIC UTTERANCES HE HAS GIVEN
IN PAST. GOPPEL NOTED THAT BAVARIAN MINISTER-PRESIDENT
IS NORMALLY ELECTED FOR FOUR YEARS, OBSERVED
THAT HIS PRESENT TERM WOULD NORMALLY RUN UNTIL FALL
OF 1978, AND DECLINED TO SEPCULATE ABOUT POSSIBILITY
OF EARLY RESIGNATION TO MAKE WAY FOR CSU CHAIRMAN STRAUSS.

6. COMMENT. CABINET RESHUFFLE HAS BEEN EXPECTED FOR SOME
TIME. IT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT, IN CONGEN'S VIEW, PRODUCE
ANY SHARP CHANGE IN COURSE ON PART OF CSU-DOMINATED
BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT.

7. MAY 20 NEWSPAPER HEADLINES STATING THAT GOPPEL
INTENDS TO REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL 1978 ARE MISLEADING.
GOPPEL IS SIMPLY NOT REPEAT NOT WILLING TO SAY WHETHER
HE AND STRAUSS HAVE AGREED THAT HE WILL STEP DOWN BEFORE
EXPIRATION OF HIS TERM IN FALL OF 1978.BETTS

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